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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Mr. Rambabu Bavirisetty, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

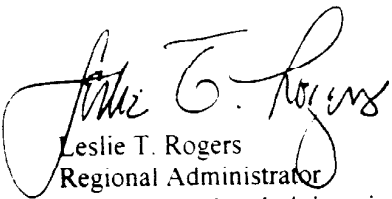
SUBJECT: SANDAG 2000/01 – 2002/03 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 6

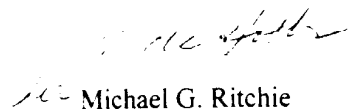
We have completed our review of Amendment No. 6 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2000 Regional Transportation Improvement Program that was submitted by your letter dated March 27, 2001. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2001-19 on February 23, 2001, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the Regional Air Quality Strategy and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. This amendment modifies FTIP programming for transit, local highway, and state highway projects in San Diego County. The three new projects added by this amendment are of the types listed in Tables 2 and 3 of 40 CFR Sections 93.126 and 93.127.

We find that the changes to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) proposed by this SANDAG Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) amendment were developed through a process in accord with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and Chapter 53 of 49 U.S.C. We have determined that these transportation improvement program modifications are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the provisions of sections 93.126 and 93.127 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These planning and conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes approval for inclusion of the subject SANDAG transportation improvement program amendment into California's 2000/01 – 2002/03 FSTIP, with the understanding that Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,


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